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Remarks

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Responsive to the Office Action dated 10 July 2003, paper no. 4, the Applicant(s) have the following remarks.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2 and 8-10 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,906,480 to Sabelstrom et al. in view of US Patent No. 5,179,981 to Hicks et al. It is respectfully submitted that the invention as claimed in Claims 1, 2 and 8-10 is not obvious in view of the Sabelstrom et al. and Hicks et al. references. Specifically, Sabelstrom et al. teaches that a dedicated pneumatic compressor B is utilized for the purpose of charging the pneumatic system of a vehicle and that both a mechanically driven compressor 8 and a turbocharger compressor 5 are necessary to pre-charge the pneumatic system compressor B. In fact, the position taken by Sabelstrom et al. is that a turbo compressor alone is inadequate for pre-charging a pneumatic compressor for this purpose (see column 1, lines 33-38). Accordingly, Sabelstrom et al. has utilized the mechanical compressor 8 in addition to the turbo compressor 5 for pre-charging yet